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In re Application of: Mark Scott

Application No.: 10/663,115

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For: Cushioning Device Having an

Electrically Actuated Lockout

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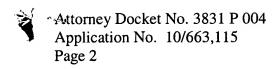
AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicant is a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required.

							Small Entity			Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee	N.	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	25	-	25	=	0		x \$25=	\$0		x \$50=	\$
Independent	3	-	3	=	0		x \$100=	\$0	12	x \$200=	\$
☐ First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims							x \$180=	\$0		x \$360=	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE											\$0



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X Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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REPLY TO OFFICIAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 7, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

This Reply is being submitted within the three (3) month shortened statutory time period.